

Our Manchester

Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee

**Celebrating Our Diversity:
The Last 12 Months**

1 March 2017

Overview

The purpose of this presentation is to provide Members of the Committee with an overview of some of the many events that have taken place to celebrate the diversity of the City and the positive contribution that Manchester diverse communities make to the City's economic and social life.

This includes :

- a wide variety of events showcasing the City's diverse communities and their contributions.
- events that encompass all protected characteristics including age, disability, race, gender, religion or belief, and sexual orientation.
- many of the events are free

March – April - May 2016

- International Women's Day including 26 community run events
- Irish Festival Parade
- Easter Parade – Didsbury Park
- St George's Day Parade
- International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Tranphobia (IDAHOBT)



June 2016

- Little Hands Make big Changes
- Clayton Park Spring into Summer Age Friendly Festival
- Manchester Refugee Cultural Festival
- Didsbury Festival
- The Big Lunch at Wythenshawe Hall
- Alexandra Park Heritage Group Lodge Opening
- Walk for Syria Heaton Park
- Manchester Day Parade

Pride in East
Manchester



July 2016

- Somme 100 Commemoration at Heaton Park
- Somme 100 Bignor Street Park Cheetham Ward
- Remembering Srebrenica – Manchester Cathedral
- Peace and Unity One Community Event 17 July 2016
- Mega Mela at Platt Fields Park – 30th and 31st July



August 2016

- Harpurhey Messy Carnival
- Caribbean Carnival at Alexandra Park
- Manchester Pride
- WYnotBeProud
- Pakistan Independence Day



September 2016

- Cheetham Cultural Festival
- Openshaw Festival – Lime Square
- Eid Prayers at Heaton Park
- National Final Street athletics
- Sparkle
- Gorton Carnival @Debdale Park
- Launch of IWD Grants Programme
- Library Fun Palace Events



October 2016

- Black History Month Events in Libraries
- Intergenerational Symposium
- Rusholme Social Café
- Dashehra Diwali Mela
- Dementia Friendly Swimming
- The Pride of Gorton Awards
- Heroes Parade
- Organised Fireworks and Bonfires across the city



November - December 2016

- Disability History Month
- 20th November commemorates Trans day of remembrance
- 1st December World Aids Day Vigil
- Be Proud Awards
- Christmas Light Switch on



January - February 2017

- World Holocaust Day
- Chinese New Year Celebrations
- Harry Potter Celebration
- Living Library Event
- LGBT Question Time



Forthcoming Events

- International Women's Day Awards and Festival
- The Great British Spring Clean
- Great Manchester Run
- Abracadabra Magical Manchester Day

In summary

- The presentation provides an overview of some of the events that have taken place over the last 12 months which celebrate equality and diversity across the city
- The events have become highly regarded features of the city's cultural calendar which reflect the spirit and diversity of the city and contribute to the Council's Equality Objective 3: Celebrating Our Diversity
- We welcome Members questions